## 10/080,848 **REQUEST Application Number FOR** Filing Date February 22, 2002 CONTINUED EXAMINATION First Named Inventor Hiroto OHTAKE, et al. **TRANSMITTA** 1765 Address to: Art Unit Mail Stop RCE Examiner Name DEO, Duy Vu Nguyen Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Attorney Docket Number KRM-00101 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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